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Tuesday morning was real winter. Mercury registered 12 above zero, the coldest of the year. We have had no snow and but little cold thus far, but it looks like old Boreas has simply been delayed on his trip to our section.

Germany has done the sensible thing in sending two machine guns and marines to their legation in Mexico City, to protect her citizens. We favor every nation sending a force into Mexico to protect her citizens, and in a final shake up settle accounts among themselves. Mexicans have shown themselves unworthy of consideration as a civilized government, and outside the pale of civilization.

The Tennessee-American and Banner are having a long drawn out battle as to which of the editors is the biggest liar and hypocrite. Now come the Commercial Appeal and News Scimitar in a most fearful array of each other in regard to the downfall of the Commercial Bank. Pistols and coffee are rosebuds compared to some of the articles in the Commercial Appeal. How pleasant it would be if brothers would dwell together in unity.

The condition of things in Mexico become more complicated every day. The recent killing of W. S. Benton, a rich English subject living in Mexico, has brought matters to a breaking tension. It is thought Villa shot him in cold blood. Villa claims Benton came to his room and threatened to kill him; that Benton was immediately court-martialed and shot. Fuller details are awaited. Huerta must be recognized by this government, or troops sent to protect foreigners. Huerta's government is the only one that can be held responsible for outrages on our people or foreigners.

The following item from the Jonesboro (Ark.) Daily Sun of Feb. 3 is of interest to our readers, as Will Lea is a McNairy product who has made good wherever he has held positions of importance in managing big farming interests: "Wm. Lea, farm superintendent for the Agricultural College, who has been connected with the school for two years and has made a splendid reputation, has resigned. He will accept a position with E. E. Randolph as farm superintendent at advanced salary. The officers of the school greatly regret to lose Mr. Lea, but are pleased to know that his change means an increase in salary. A successor to Mr. Lea will be named at a meeting of the board of directors the latter part of the week. A number of applications have already been received.

Of unusual interest is the announcement of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat to be found elsewhere in this issue. The "Twice-a-Week" edition of that sterling publication, a great Semi-Weekly newspaper with a Weekly Farm and Home Magazine Section in colors, is offered at the special rate of two years or two yearly subscriptions for one dollar. The Daily Globe-Democrat, six issues per week, is offered to Rural Free Delivery or Star Route patrons, yearly subscriptions only, for \$2.50 per year, or if the Sunday paper is desired, seven issues per week, for \$4.50 per year. The regular price of the Daily Globe-Democrat, including Sunday, is \$6.00 per year. Daily without Sunday \$4.00 per year. Sunday only \$2.00 per year. Read the announcement and order the Globe-Democrat, either daily or "Twice-a-Week", to-day. Address Globe Printing Company, Publishers, St. Louis, Mo.

Two Interesting Facts About McNairy County
By H. A. Webb, Prof. of Chemistry in the West Tenn. Normal
NUMBER ONE
The population of McNairy county is decreasing. It is less than it was thirty-four years ago. The following figures have been copied from the

United States Census Reports.
Population of McNairy County,
1870—12,726
1880—17,271
1890—15,510
1900—17,760
1910—16,356

These figures show that the county has lost population in the last ten years.

Ten years ago a law was passed in Tennessee which encouraged the establishment of county high schools. Since that time sixty of the counties have taken advantage of state encouragement and state financial aid, and established more than 125 high schools.

These high schools are not merely poor imitations of city high schools. They have courses of study arranged primarily for the farmer's boy and girl. Agriculture and Domestic Science are given such an important place, that these schools are usually called "Agricultural High Schools." Under the guidance of a competent teacher, the science of farming is made so interesting to the boy, and the science of Home-Management is given such a new aspect to the girl, that much of the dissatisfaction of home life is removed, and the longing to quit the country life for the city ceases.

Whenever such high schools are established in a county, the elementary schools become better. There are two reasons; first, High school subjects are more interesting—high school students are older and enjoy the work. Their enthusiasm spreads to the lower grades. "There is some interesting thing ahead of me" the elementary students think. In 1912 there were 1300 students in the first grade and only 45 in the eighth grade attending the schools of McNairy county. The majority of them evidently did not feel that their studies were leading them anywhere. Second, when high schools are established, the county begins to prepare its own first-class teachers. A girl or boy without a high school education is not qualified to teach, and many counties will not allow them to do so.

The establishment of high schools equalizes the opportunities for all boys and girls. It takes more education in these days to be successful than it did years ago, and many people are not able to send their children off to school, paying tuition and all expenses. Thus, all sons and daughters do not have an equal chance for an education.

A determined effort is made in all of the county high schools of the state to be thoroughly practical and to be of the highest benefit to the community. Among other things, the boys are required to do practical things on the farms owned by the school, or on the farm at home. But one day a man said to me, "I'll teach my boy all he needs to know about farming, you can't show me nothing new, for I've done more out two farms." He told the truth. He wore out the farms through ignorance, and he can't be taught anything. The Bible says that the man who claims to be perfect is a liar. The same is true of the man who "knows it all". Most of the counties of Tennessee which have so far refused to establish high schools have been losing population steadily. There is no doubt that many of McNairy's most progressive citizens have moved to other counties, that their children might have better opportunity for an education. Many of McNairy's most ambitious young men have left, in order that they might have a better chance. Since high schools have been established in other counties McNairy has lost in population.

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Stantonville

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Mr. Jim Elam has returned from Jackson and his eyes continue to improve.

Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Howell and Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Wyatt attended the burial of Mr. Perry Cantrell, at Tulu, Sunday.

Little Jim Perkins has been very sick for the past week.

Billy Clack has a severe attack of pneumonia.

Several students have been absent from school the past week on account of chicken pox. It seems to be in a light form.

Among those who took the examination for the postoffice at this place were Mesdames W. L. Davis, E. G. Sanders, H. Hoover, Miss Massie Burks, Messrs. W. C. Elam, Geo. A. Hagy, A. B. Dancer, O. D. Wyatt, J. O. Steel, and Dr. J. G. Howell.

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Liberty Springs

After so long a time I will again try my hand at writing for the Independent. I am not much of a writer and a very poor scribe, as the editor well knows, but I think some one should give your many readers in this section some dots.

Farmers are all busy, and have all their land turned ready for early spring preparation for planting.

A Henry has built another new residence on his farm.

Unlike the advice of the wise Solomon, everybody seems to be seeking money rather than wisdom.

Liberty school closed on the 20th inst. It has been a fine school by a fine teacher.

Another farm telephone line is being put up by the neighbors. It will save old Beck many a hard ride by the boys courting from home, but it is not like being close beside your sweetheart.

Charley Gage has ordered \$100.00 worth of fertilizer.

Mrs. Hovis and Emily Halstead are both sick.

Miles Henry, from McNairy, has been visiting in our section lately, and says he has a fine boy, the first at his house.

Mr. Pat Williams is dangerously ill with pneumonia and not expected to live many days.

Jim Woods and wife are rejoicing over a 10th girl, their third child.

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and the same will be paid. If not presented interest will cease after said date. Respectfully,

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